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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to let you know that as a consumer I feel it is necessary to label foods that have been irradiated. It is of immense importance to allow people to make their own decisions regarding the food products they buy.

I would like to see a prominent label reading "Irradiated" along with a brightly colored symbol so that there is no mistaking the fact that this food has been irradiated. I am also against using alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization", as this could mislead the public. The absence of a prominent statement regarding irradiation could lead to numerous problems with consumers, so why don't we avoid all that and allow people to make their choices based on knowledge, not ignorance.

Respectfully,



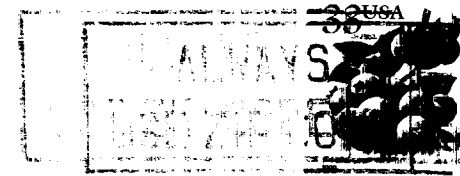
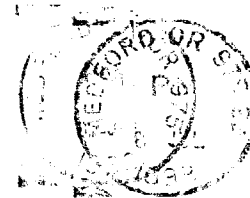
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